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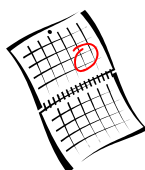
The mission of the Neighborhood Development Center is to build strong neighborhoods by connecting individuals to information, technology, and opportunities for civic engagement.

Coming Soon!

The Neighborhood Development Center is proud to announce the newly improved "Community Connections" quarterly newsletter and E-News! Watch for it in March 2005.

If you need assistance, please call the City's Information Line at (408) 277-4000.

Connection Calendar 2004 - 2005



November 26 - January 21

Come out and visit Downtown San José's Christmas in the Park and see all the spectacular displays. For Christmas in the Park information, call (408) 995-NOEL or visit www.christmasinthepark.com

Downtown Ice Skating Rink is located between San Jose Museum of Art and San Jose Fairmont Hotel. Check out www.sjdowntown.com or call (408) 279-1775 for information about the rink.

December 20 - 31

The NDC office will be closed for the holiday's beginning December 20 through December 31 and will reopen Monday, January 3.

January 15

Evergreen Branch Library
Groundbreaking Celebration
2635 Aborn Road
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

January 22

Tully Community Library
Grand Opening Ceremony
870 Tully Road
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please contact the NDC at (408) 392-6771 for further information on any of the events listed above.

Volunteer San Jose

In the last four years, the number of volunteers in City programs has grown from 8,000 to more than 20,000. In the past year alone, San José volunteers have contributed more than 700,000 hours of service in dozens of City programs.

The Mayor made volunteerism a pillar of his plan to build strong neighborhoods when he came into office in 1999. At his Annual State of the City Address in February 2003, Mayor Gonzales pledged to make it easier for residents to volunteer and help improve their community and neighborhoods. The result of his pledge is a new program called **Volunteer San José** that is being

organized through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.

Volunteer San Jose is designed to effectively match individuals, businesses, and other interested parties to a variety of volunteer opportunities right in their neighborhoods.

A team of experienced staff members from all City Departments that have volunteer programs is guiding the work of **Volunteer San Jose**. Since **Volunteer San Jose** began in mid-July, staff has created a Volunteer Handbook, a Program Manual, a brochure and a Web site. As potential volunteers log on to www.volunteersanjose.org, they can browse through Job Descriptions, read the Handbook, complete and submit an Interest form, and link to all the City programs utilizing volunteers.

Watch for more from **Volunteer San Jose** as we develop a Youth Community Service component, a citizen's Advisory Council, an Internship Program and more! For more information call **(408) 277-4000**.

NEW In 2005!! Vietnamese Community Leadership Academy

The NDC is excited to announce the Vietnamese Community Leadership Academy, which will kick off on January 25, 2005.

Twelve Vietnamese residents graduated from the first mini-Vietnamese Academy held in May 2004. The new Vietnamese Community Leadership Academy will offer trainings in Vietnamese ranging from lessons on City resources, basic computer skills to community involvement.

The classes are offered to all San José residents year round. In collaboration with the new Tully Library, the Vietnamese Community Leadership Academy will take place on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the new Tully Library located at 870 Tully Road. The first session of trainings are

scheduled weekly from January 25, 2005 through February 22, 2005.

For additional information, please contact Maria Le at the NDC at (408) 392-6771 or by email at maria.le@sanjoseca.gov.

Community Leadership Academy's in 2005- Kick off Dates!

The NDC is proud to announce it's new Community Leadership Academy (CLA) in 2005! Formerly known as the "*Neighborhood Academy*", the new CLA will be offered FREE to San José residents, Community Based Organizations, Faith Based Groups, Neighborhood Associations, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Please contact the NDC at (408) 392-6771 to register for one or all of the following:

**Courses offered vary among Academies*

Vietnamese Academy	January 25, 2005
Spanish Academy	January 26, 2005
English Academy	February 2, 2005

Upcoming English Academy courses:

February 2	Enrolling Volunteers and Bringing Out Their Passion 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Neighborhood Development Center
February 9	Finding Grants in Your Community 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Neighborhood Development Center
February 16	Asset Mapping- Find Resources in Your Neighborhood Group 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Neighborhood Development Center
February 23	Grant Writing Tips 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Neighborhood Development Center

Property Management Workshop Series

You are cordially invited to participate in a management workshop for rental property owners and managers. This workshop is coordinated by the San José Code Enforcement Division and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. The workshop consists of four sessions. The sessions will be held on consecutive Tuesdays beginning January 25, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information and to register please contact Tina Monarrez at (408) 392-6771.

Directions to NDC

Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor
San José, CA 95112
(408) 392-6771

Driving Directions

Hwy 17/880 (towards Santa Cruz): Get onto 17/880 heading towards Santa Cruz. Exit on First Street. Turn right onto First Street. Stay in the right lane. Turn right onto Gish Road.

Hwy 17/880 (towards Oakland): Get onto 17/880 heading towards Oakland. Exit First Street. Turn left on First Street. Stay in the right lane. Turn right onto Gish Road.

***Communities of people
connected by play, hope,
and joy in life!***



Community Connections is published on a quarterly basis. Your comments and contributions of citywide interest are welcome.

If you would like to submit an article, please e-mail
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or

submit information on a disk saved as text, along with a hard copy, to

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Attention: Tina Monarrez

If you have any questions, please contact
Tina Monarrez, NDC
Newsletter Chief Editor and
Chairperson at
(408) 392-6771.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

It is the City of San José policy to afford all persons equal opportunity by prohibiting discrimination in City programs against any person on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, sexual orientation, actual or perceived gender identity, disability, ethnicity, or national origin. It is the City's policy goal to expand opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in City services, programs and facilities.

Inclusion

The City of San José encourages and supports the participation of individuals with all ability levels in programs and services. To facilitate opportunities for people with and without disabilities and to engage in leisure pursuits together, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services provides inclusion support services. These services include, but are not limited to, interpreters for the deaf or hearing impaired, improved signage, activity modification, additional staff training, accessible equipment and facility features, and support staff. To ensure the requested accommodation, please notify the specific facility where the program is provided at least two weeks in advance. For more information on inclusion opportunities, specialized recreation services, and accommodations, please contact the PRNS Administrative Offices at (408) 277-4661.